



# Map and Guide

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## Plan Your Visit



Welcome to Zion National Park. Steep cliffs, narrow canyons, and unpredictable weather add to the challenge and adventure of a visit, so it is important to plan carefully for your stay. Park rangers at the visitor centers can provide planning information and weather forecasts, but your safety depends on your own good judgment, adequate preparation, and constant awareness.



**ROAD CONSTRUCTION**  
The reconstruction of a 9.5-mile section of the Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway from the junction of the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive to the East Entrance will cause delays and closures. *The road construction does not impact Zion Canyon, the most visited area of the park.* Those traveling between US Highway 89 and Zion Canyon should be aware of the construction schedule.

Sunday evening through Friday morning:

- Road is open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. each day, subject to traffic control. Up to thirty-minute delays are possible. Parking permitted in designated areas.
- No overnight access from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. All vehicles must be beyond Canyon Junction or past the East Entrance by 8:00 p.m. to drive through the construction zone.

Friday morning through Sunday evening:

- Road is open, subject to traffic control. Up to thirty-minute delays are possible. Parking permitted in designated areas.

The road may vary from dirt to gravel and may be dusty or muddy. All visitors, especially those riding motorcycles, should be aware of the rough road conditions. Bicycles are not permitted in the construction zone at any time.

### Hours of Operation

	May 28 to September 6	September 7 to October 24	October 25 to December 1
Zion Canyon Visitor Center	8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Zion Canyon Backcountry Desk	7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Zion Human History Museum	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Kolob Canyons Visitor Center	8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Zion Canyon Backcountry Desk will be closed after Saturday, November 27. Permits can still be obtained at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center Information Desk from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Zion Human History Museum will be closed after Sunday, November 28.

### Entrance Fees

Private Vehicle	\$25 per vehicle
Pedestrian	\$12 per person
Bicycle	\$12 per person
Motorcycle	\$12 per person
Organized Group	\$12 per person
Commercial Tours	Ask about rates

All entrance fees are valid for seven days.

**ZION ANNUAL PASS \$50**  
Admission to Zion National Park for one year from date of purchase.



**ANNUAL PASS \$80**  
Admission to all federal fee areas for one year from date of purchase.



**SENIOR PASS \$10**  
Admission to all federal fee areas for life, U.S. residents 62 years or older.



**ACCESS PASS Free**  
Admission to all federal fee areas for life, permanently disabled U.S. residents.



All passes are available at park entrance stations.





National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior

### Zion National Park

#### Superintendent

Jock Whitworth

#### Mailing Address

Zion National Park  
Springdale, UT 84767

#### Park Information

435 772-3256

#### Backcountry Information

435 772-0170

#### Website

[www.nps.gov/zion](http://www.nps.gov/zion)

#### E-mail

[ZION\\_park\\_information@nps.gov](mailto:ZION_park_information@nps.gov)

#### Lost and Found

Report at any visitor center

#### Emergencies

911 or 435 772-3322

## Services



#### ACCESSIBILITY

The park visitor centers, museum, restrooms, shuttle buses, and Zion Lodge are fully accessible.

Several campsites are reserved for people with disabilities, and the Pa'rus Trail and Riverside Walk are accessible. Service dogs are permitted on a leash throughout the park.

The orientation film offers captioning and the frontcountry trails video has an audio description. Accessible programs are indicated in the Ranger-led Program Schedule. Assistive listening devices are available by reservation for all ranger-led programs. Please visit the Zion Human History Museum for more information.



#### LODGING

In the park, the Zion Lodge has rooms, suites, cabins, and a gift shop.

For reservations, please call 888 297-2757 or 435 772-7700, or visit [www.zionlodge.com](http://www.zionlodge.com). There are other lodging options in Springdale, Rockville, Hurricane, near the East Entrance, Mt. Carmel Junction, Kanab,

St. George, Cedar City, and other surrounding communities.



#### RESTAURANTS

In the park, the Zion Lodge dining room and café serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Dinner reservations are required; please call 435 772-7760. There are also restaurants in Springdale, Virgin, La Verkin, Hurricane, near the East Entrance, Mt. Carmel Junction, Kanab, St. George, Cedar City, and other surrounding communities.



#### GROCERIES

There are grocery stores in Springdale, La Verkin, Hurricane, Kanab, St. George, and Cedar City.

There are convenience stores in most surrounding communities.



#### MONEY

An ATM is located in the park at the Zion Lodge. Banks and ATMs are located in most

surrounding communities.



#### SHOWERS

There are no showers available within Zion National Park. Pay showers are available

in Springdale and east of the park. The availability of these services varies throughout the year.



#### LAUNDRY

There are laundry facilities located in Springdale, Hurricane, and Kanab. There are no laundry facilities within the park.



#### PETS

Pets may be walked on the Pa'rus Trail. However, pets are not permitted on any other trails, on shuttles,

in public buildings, or in the backcountry. Pets must be under physical control on a leash no longer than six feet at all times. Do not leave pets in vehicles. Boarding kennels are available in Rockville, Kanab, Hurricane, St. George, and Cedar City.

## Wildlife



Zion National Park is home to 67 species of mammals, 207 birds, 35 reptiles and amphibians, and nine fish. Commonly seen animals include mule deer, lizards, and many species of birds. Rare or endangered species include the peregrine falcon, Mexican spotted owl, California condor, desert tortoise, and the Zion snail, found only in Zion.



"The squirrel bit me in less than a second." Wild animals can hurt you. Do not feed them.

#### MOUNTAIN LIONS

Mountain lions are wild animals and can be dangerous. They have been seen in the park. An attack is unlikely, and the park has never had a reported attack on people or pets. However, mountain lions have attacked in other areas.

- Watch children closely and never let them run ahead or lag behind.
- Solo hiking is not encouraged.
- Never approach a mountain lion. Most will try to avoid a confrontation. Always give them a way to escape.
- Do not run. Try to look large and put your arms up.
- If a mountain lion approaches, wave your arms, shout, and throw rocks or sticks at it.
- If attacked, fight back.

Please report any encounters or sightings to a park ranger as soon as possible.

#### SICK OR INJURED ANIMALS

Be aware that wild animals can be unpredictable. Do not approach animals or attempt to move sick or injured wildlife. Please report any encounter with sick or injured animals to a park ranger.

## Emergencies



For 24-hour emergency response, call 911 or 435 772-3322. The Zion Canyon Medical Clinic is located in Springdale near the south entrance to the park. For hours, please call 435 772-3226. The nearest hospitals are in St. George, Cedar City, and Kanab.

## Flash Floods



All narrow canyons are potentially hazardous. Flash floods, often caused by storms miles away, are a real danger and can be life threatening. You are assuming a risk when entering a narrow canyon. Your safety is your responsibility.

Watch for indications of a possible flash flood. If you observe any of these signs, seek higher ground immediately:

- Any deterioration in weather conditions
- Build up of clouds or sounds of thunder
- Sudden changes in water clarity from clear to muddy
- Floating debris
- Rising water levels or stronger currents
- Increasing roar of water up canyon



During a flash flood, the water level rises within minutes or even seconds. A flash flood can rush down a canyon in a wall of water twelve feet high or more.



# Safety

Whether hiking, climbing, or driving, your safety depends on your good judgment, adequate preparation, and constant awareness. Your safety is your responsibility.



**STEEP CLIFFS**  
Falls from cliffs on trails have resulted in death. Loose sand or pebbles on stone are very slippery. Be careful of edges when using cameras or binoculars. Never throw or roll rocks, there may be hikers below you.

- Stay on the trail.
- Stay back from cliff edges.
- Observe posted warnings.
- Please watch children.



**WATER**  
The desert is an extreme environment. Carry enough water, one gallon per person per day, and drink it. Water is available at visitor centers, campgrounds, Zion Lodge, and some shuttle stops. Do not drink untreated water.

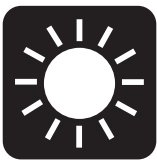


**DRIVING**  
Zion’s roads are used by vehicles, bicycles, walkers, and even wildlife. Obey posted speed limits. Unless otherwise posted, the maximum speed limit is 35 mph (radar enforced).

Wear safety belts and use child safety seats. Seat belts or child safety seats are required for all occupants in a vehicle and failure to use them is a primary offense in the park.

Don’t drink and drive. For your safety, rangers enforce laws against alcohol and drug-related driving offenses, including open container violations.

To protect the park’s vegetation, please park in designated or posted areas only.



**HEAT EXHAUSTION**  
Heat exhaustion occurs when the body loses more fluid than is taken in. Signs of heat exhaustion include

nausea, vomiting, fatigue, headaches, pale appearance, stomach cramps, and cool clammy skin. If a member of your party begins to experience any of these symptoms, stop your hike immediately. Find a cool, shady area and rest with your feet up to distribute fluids throughout your body. It is important to drink fluids, but it is also important to eat. While suffering from heat exhaustion, drinking fluids without eating can lead to a potentially dangerous condition of low blood salt. If heat exhaustion symptoms persist for more than two hours, seek medical help.

**HEAT STROKE**  
Heat stroke is an advanced stage of heat exhaustion. It is the body’s inability to cool itself. Symptoms include confusion, disorientation, behavioral changes, and seizures. If you believe that a member of your party is suffering from heat stroke, it is imperative to cool them using any available means and obtain immediate medical assistance.



**HYPOTHERMIA**  
Hypothermia occurs when the body is cooled to dangerous levels. It is the number one killer of

outdoor recreationists, even in warm weather, and it usually happens without the victim’s awareness. It is a hazard in narrow canyons because immersion in water is the quickest way to lose body heat. To prevent hypothermia, avoid cotton clothing, it provides no insulation when wet, and eat high energy food before you are chilled. The signs of hypothermia include:

- Uncontrollable shivering
- Stumbling and poor coordination
- Fatigue and weakness
- Confusion or slurred speech

If you recognize any of these signs, stop hiking and immediately replace wet clothing with dry clothing. Warm the victim with your own body and a warm drink, and shelter the individual from breezes. A pre-warmed sleeping bag will also help prevent further heat loss.



**FIREARMS**  
Firearms are permitted in Zion National Park. As of February 22, 2010, a new federal law allows people

who can legally possess firearms under federal, Utah, and local laws, to possess firearms in the park. It is the visitor’s responsibility to understand and comply with all applicable Utah, local, and federal firearms laws. Federal law prohibits firearms in certain facilities in Zion National Park; those places are posted with signs. If you have questions, please contact the park at 435 772-3256. The discharge of firearms and hunting within the park are prohibited. Utah State Law prohibits the open carry of loaded firearms on park shuttle buses.



# Points of Interest



## SHUTTLE STOPS

Travel in Zion Canyon from April 1 to October 31 is limited to shuttle buses only. The shuttles provide access to some of Zion National Park's most beautiful views and trails. A round-trip ride on the shuttle takes about 80 minutes.

## TEMPLE OF SINAWAVA

*The gateway to The Narrows*

Restrooms and water. Ranger-led programs.  
Access to the Riverside Walk and the Virgin River.

## BIG BEND

*Sweeping bend in the Virgin River with towering cliffs above*  
Ranger-led programs.

Views of the Virgin River, Angels Landing, and Great White Throne.

## WEEPING ROCK

*Dripping springs create hanging gardens*

Restrooms. Ranger-led programs.  
Views of Angels Landing and Big Bend.  
Access to the Weeping Rock Trail, East Rim Trail, Hidden Canyon Trail, and Observation Point Trail.

## THE GROTTTO

*Shaded picnic area among cottonwood trees*

Restrooms, picnic area, and water. Ranger-led programs.  
Views of the Virgin River and Angels Landing.  
Access to the Grotto Trail, Kayenta Trail, and West Rim Trail.

## ZION LODGE

*Historic lodge nestled in Zion Canyon*

Lodging, restaurants, bookstore, restrooms, and water bottle filling station. Trail rides. Ranger-led programs.  
Views of Lady Mountain, Heaps Canyon, and the Virgin River.  
Access to the Emerald Pools Trails, Grotto Trail, and Sand Bench Trail.

## COURT OF THE PATRIARCHS

*Short and steep trail to viewpoint*

Views of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob Peaks, Mount Moroni, and The Sentinel.

## CANYON JUNCTION

*The junction of Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway and Zion Canyon Scenic Drive*

Views of the Virgin River and Zion Canyon.  
Access to the Pa'rus Trail.

## ZION HUMAN HISTORY MUSEUM

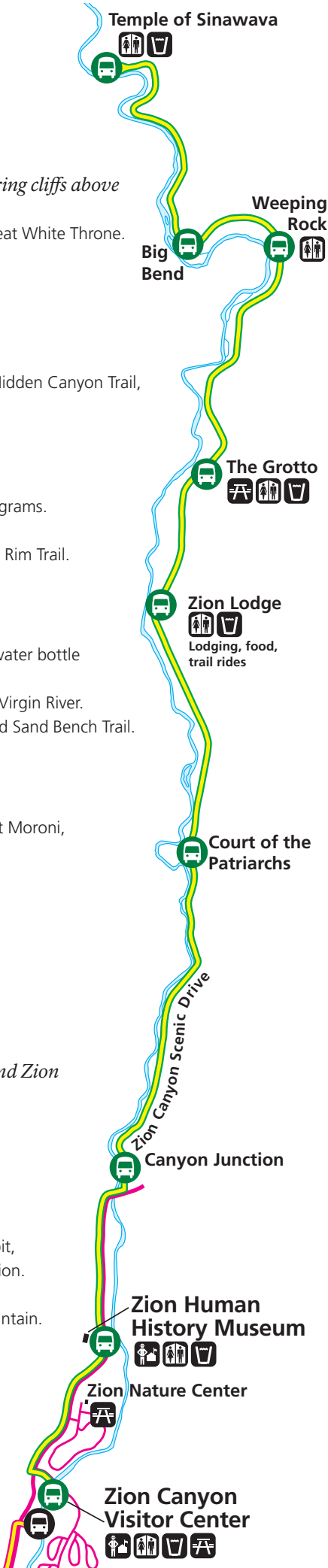
*Explore the human history of Zion Canyon*

Indoor exhibits, orientation film, rotating art exhibit, restrooms, bookstore, and water bottle filling station. Ranger-led programs.  
Views of the Towers of the Virgin and Bridge Mountain.  
Access to the Pa'rus Trail.

## ZION CANYON VISITOR CENTER

*Starting point for any visit to Zion Canyon*

Outdoor exhibits, information desk, backcountry permits, bookstore, restrooms, picnic area, and water bottle filling station. Ranger-led programs.  
Access to the Pa'rus Trail and Watchman Trail.



## ZION-MT. CARMEL HIGHWAY

This 10-mile scenic drive connects the South and East Entrances. The road consists of a steep drive through switchbacks and the historic Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel. For large vehicle restrictions, please see page 12. The highway is currently under construction. Please read the front page for more information. Consider an alternate route to avoid delays.

## KOLOB CANYONS ROAD

This five-mile scenic drive starts at the Kolob Canyons Visitor Center and climbs past the spectacular canyons and red rocks of the Kolob Canyons area of the park and ends at the Timber Creek Overlook.

## KOLOB TERRACE ROAD

This steep 20-mile scenic drive starts in the town of Virgin and climbs north from the desert washes into the aspen-covered plateaus of the higher elevations of the park and provides access to Lava Point. Not recommended for vehicles pulling trailers.



## ZION HUMAN HISTORY MUSEUM

Indoor exhibits focus on the human history of Zion National Park. A 22-minute orientation film highlights the dramatic landscapes of the park and examines the history of the canyon. Rotating art exhibits feature regional artists. Visit the bookstore for maps, books, and gifts. There are dramatic views of the Towers of the Virgin and Bridge Mountain outside.



## ZION CANYON VISITOR CENTER

Located near the South Entrance of the park, this is the place to begin your exploration of Zion Canyon. Park rangers and outdoor exhibits will help you plan your visit and make the most of your time. Inquire at the Zion Canyon Backcountry Desk about permits for backpacking, canyoneering, and other trips into the backcountry. Visit the bookstore for maps, books, and gifts. Outside the visitor center, you can walk along the Virgin River in the shadow of The Watchman to the south.

## KOLOB CANYONS VISITOR CENTER

Located off of Interstate 15 at Exit 40, 45 miles north of Springdale and 17 miles south of Cedar City, this is the entry point to the Kolob Canyons area of the park. Rangers are available to answer questions and issue backcountry permits. Exhibits explore the geology, vegetation, and wildlife of this unique landscape.



The Kolob Arch in the backcountry of the Kolob Canyons area of Zion National Park.

# Recreation



**CAMPING**  
Campgrounds in Zion Canyon have restrooms, drinking water, picnic tables, fire grates, and dump stations. All sites are half price for holders of Interagency Senior and Access Passes. There are no showers available within Zion National Park. Pay showers are available in Springdale and east of the park. The availability of these services varies throughout the year.



**FIRES**  
When fire danger is high, all campfires may be prohibited. When permitted, fires are allowed in fire grates in the campgrounds. Bring or buy firewood. Collecting any type of wood is prohibited.



**BICYCLING**  
Bicycles may travel on roadways and on the Pa’rus Trail. Bicycles are not allowed off roadways or in construction areas. When riding from the South Entrance, use the Pa’rus Trail instead of the main road. Shuttles will not pass moving bicycles, please pull over and allow them to pass. Do not pass a moving bus. The rules of the road apply to bicycles. Please ride on the right side of the road in single file and wear your helmet. Each shuttle has a rack for two bicycles.



**CLIMBING**  
The sandstone cliffs of Zion National Park are famous for big wall climbs. Zion is not a place for inexperienced climbers. Climbing in Zion requires appropriate hardware and advanced technical skills. There are few top roping areas and no sport climbs. Permits are not required for day climbs, but they are required for all overnight bivouacs. Climbing information and route descriptions are available at the Backcountry Desk in the Zion Canyon Visitor Center.

Some areas and routes are closed to climbing from early March through August each year to protect nesting peregrine falcons. Some areas that are routinely closed include the Great White Throne, Cable Mountain, the Court of the Patriarchs, and Angels Landing. Check at the visitor centers or visit [www.nps.gov/zion](http://www.nps.gov/zion) for current closure information.

Campgrounds			
	Sites	Fees	Reservations
Watchman Campground	164	\$16 per night \$18 per night for electric hookups \$20 per night for river sites	<a href="http://www.recreation.gov">www.recreation.gov</a> 877 444-6777 Up to six months in advance
South Campground	126	\$16 per night	First-come, first-served
Lava Point Campground no water; pit toilets	6	No fee	First-come, first-served
Group Campsites organized groups of 9 to 40 people	7	\$3 per person per night	<a href="http://www.recreation.gov">www.recreation.gov</a> 877 444-6777
Private campgrounds with showers and hookups are available outside the park. From November 29 to early March, South Campground is closed and Watchman Campground is first-come, first-served. The number of available campsites may vary throughout the year.			



**HORSEBACK RIDING**  
Horses traditionally have been used to explore the terrain of Zion National Park. Guided trips are available starting at the corral at the Emerald Pools Trailhead. For private stock use, see the Backcountry Planner or inquire at visitor centers.



**WATERCRAFT**  
All watercraft use in Zion National Park requires a backcountry permit. Permits are issued only when the river is flowing in excess of 140 cubic feet per second. Inner tubes are not permitted at any time on any watercourse in the park.



**HIKING AND CANYONEERING**  
Hiking in canyons, even short hikes, requires advance planning. Many hikes involve walking in water. Rivers and washes are subject to flash flooding. Know the weather and flash flood potential forecasts before starting your trip. The forecasts are posted daily in park visitor centers. Many canyons require ropes, hardware, and advanced technical skills for rappelling and ascending.



**BACKPACKING**  
Permits are required for all backcountry camping. There is a fee. Permits and hiking information are available at visitor centers. The maximum group size is 12 people. Please read the Backcountry Planner for more information.



**BACKCOUNTRY PERMITS**  
Permits are required for overnight trips, through-hikes of The Narrows and its tributaries, the Subway and Left Fork, Kolob Creek, and all canyons requiring the use of technical equipment. Reservations are available online for many permits at [www.nps.gov/zion](http://www.nps.gov/zion). Permits must be obtained at the visitor centers before your trip.

Backcountry fees are based on the size of your group:

- \$10 for 1-2 people
- \$15 for 3-7 people
- \$20 for 8-12 people

The maximum group size is 12 people of the same affiliation on the same trail or in the same drainage on the same day. The limit for some canyons is six people.



**THE NARROWS**  
The Virgin River has carved a spectacular gorge in the upper reaches of Zion Canyon—16 miles long, up to 2000-feet deep, and at times only 20 to 30-feet wide. The Narrows, with its soaring walls, sandstone grottos, natural springs, and hanging gardens can be an unforgettable experience. It is not, however, a trip to be underestimated. Hiking The Narrows means hiking in the Virgin River. At least 60 percent of the hike is spent wading, walking, and sometimes swimming in the river. There is no maintained trail because the route is the river. The current is swift, the water is very cold, the rocks underfoot

are slippery, and the water can be deep. Flash flooding and hypothermia are constant dangers. Good planning, proper equipment, and sound judgment are essential for a safe and successful trip. Your safety is your responsibility.

There are three ways to hike The Narrows, weather and water conditions permitting:

**DAY HIKE FROM THE BOTTOM AND BACK**  
This round-trip hike can last up to five hours and is the simplest way to experience The Narrows. Ride the shuttle to the Temple of Sinawava, walk one mile to the end of the paved Riverside Walk, and begin wading up the river. There is no formal destination and you must return the same way you entered. Many hikers try to reach the junction with Orderville Canyon, a tributary creek approximately two hours upstream from the paved trail. A permit is not required and group size limits do not apply. Travel upstream into Orderville Canyon or beyond Big Spring is prohibited.

**DAY HIKE FROM TOP TO BOTTOM**  
This strenuous 16-mile all-day hike requires a permit and a private shuttle to the trailhead. Please see the Backcountry Planner or inquire at the Zion Canyon Backcountry Desk for more information.

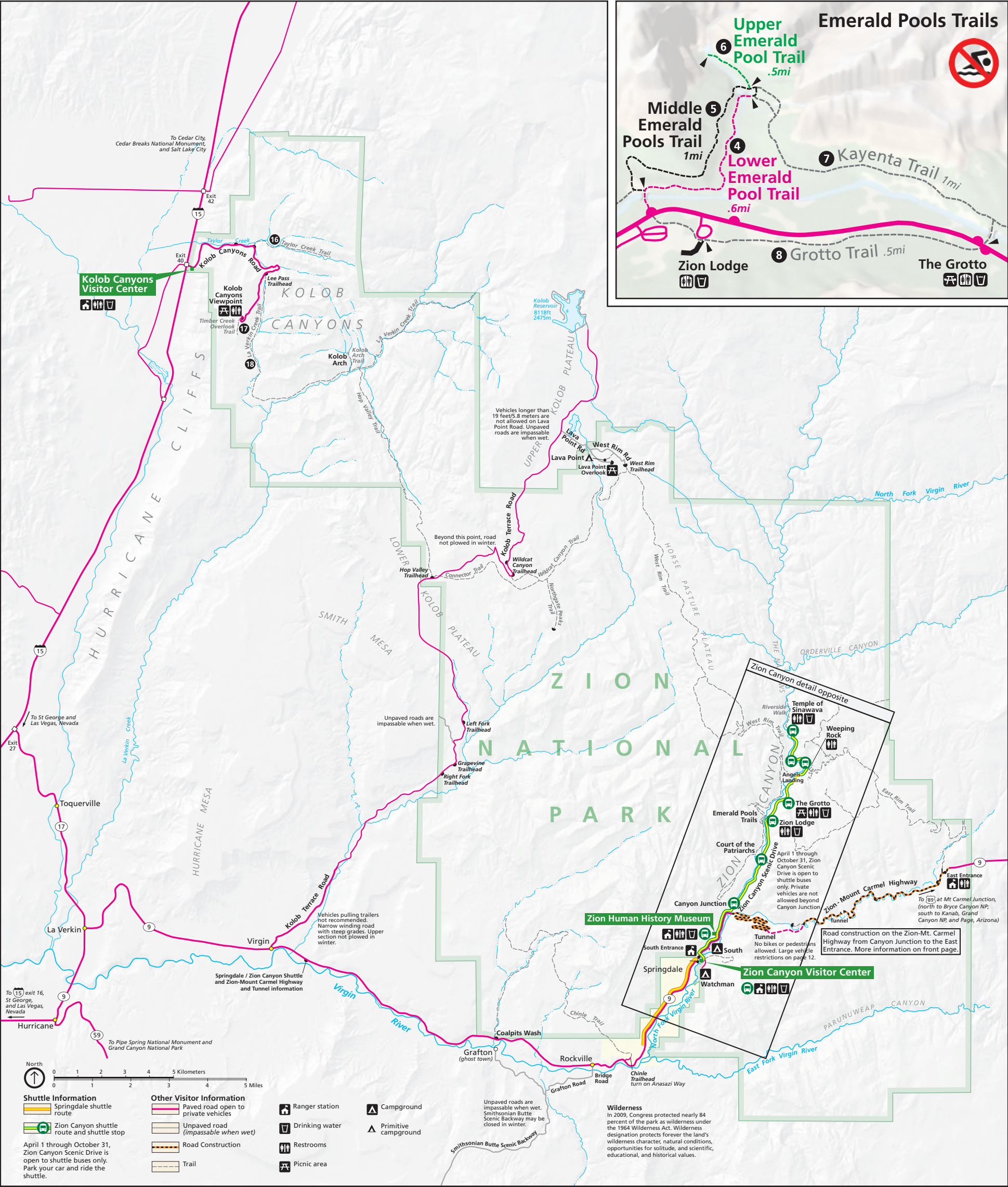
**OVERNIGHT HIKE FROM TOP TO BOTTOM**  
This two-day hike requires a permit and a private shuttle to the trailhead. Maximum stay is one night. Please see the Backcountry Planner or inquire at the Zion Canyon Backcountry Desk for more information.

**THE NARROWS CHECKLIST**

- Obtain weather and flash flood potential forecasts before your trip.
- Wear sturdy boots with ankle support or closed-toe shoes, not sandals or water shoes.
- Take a walking stick. Do not cut tree branches for sticks.
- Children should not hike in the river due to strong currents and deep pools.
- Carry out all trash, including food wrappers, apple cores, fruit peels, and toilet paper.
- Carry one gallon of drinking water per person per day, food, sunglasses, sunscreen, and first aid kit.
- Take a fleece or windbreaker, The Narrows is much cooler than other areas in Zion Canyon.
- Pack your gear in waterproof bags.
- Use the restroom at the Riverside Walk trailhead before hiking. There are no toilets in The Narrows.

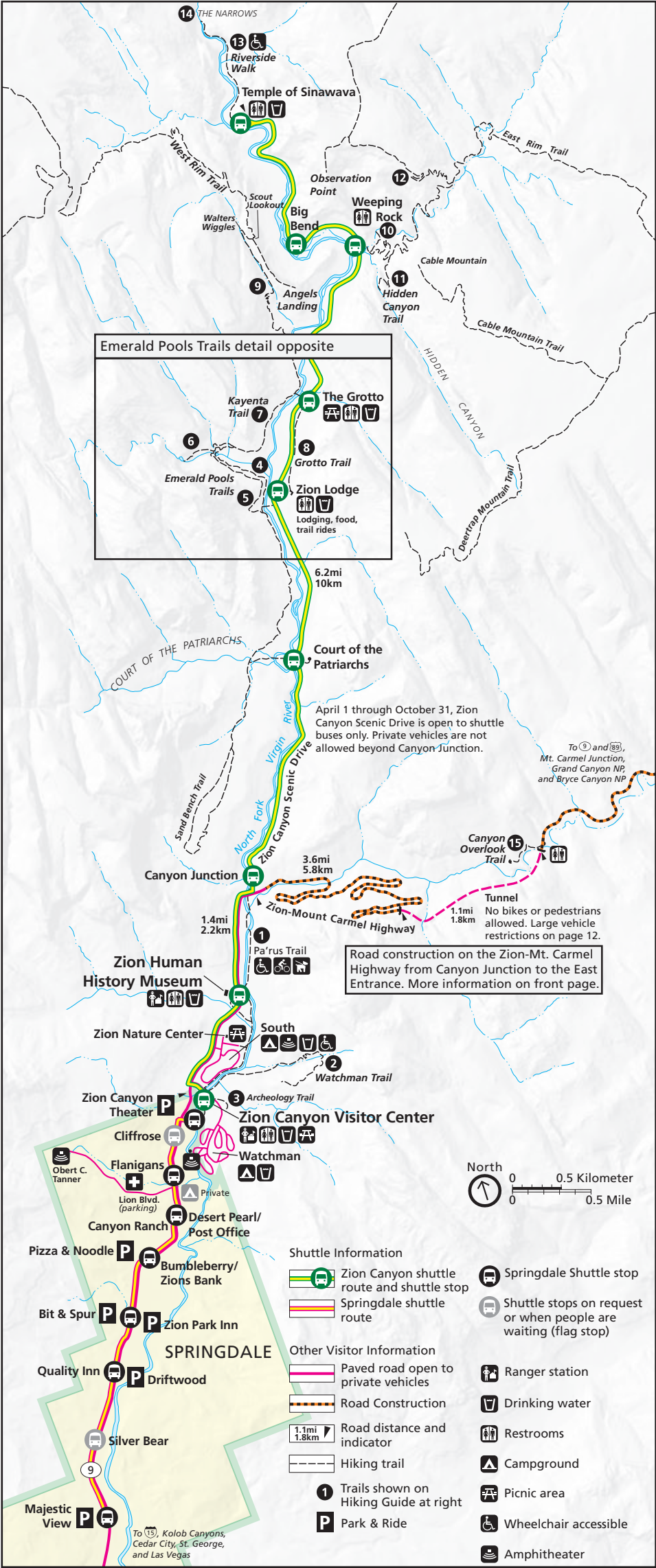


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# Zion Canyon



## Hiking Guide

Hike Location	Round Trip average time mi / km	Elevation Change ft / m	Description
Easy			
1 Pa'rus Trail Zion Canyon Visitor Center	2 hours 3.5 / 5.6	50 / 15	Paved trail follows the Virgin River from the South Campground to Canyon Junction.
3 Archeology Trail Zion Canyon Visitor Center	0.5 hour 0.4 / 0.6	80 / 24	Short, but steep. Starts near the entrance to the visitor center parking lot. Climbs to the outlines of several prehistoric buildings. Trailside exhibits.
4 Lower Emerald Pool Trail Zion Lodge	1 hour 1.2 / 1.9	69 / 21	Minor drop-offs. Paved trail leads to the Lower Emerald Pool and waterfalls. Connects to the Middle Emerald Pools Trail.
8 Grotto Trail Zion Lodge The Grotto	0.5 hour 1.0 / 1.6	35 / 11	The trail connects the Zion Lodge to The Grotto. Can be combined with the Middle Emerald Pools and Kayenta Trails to create a 2.5-mile loop.
10 Weeping Rock Trail Weeping Rock	0.5 hour 0.4 / 0.6	98 / 30	Short, but steep. Minor drop-offs. Paved trail ends at a rock alcove with dripping springs. Trailside exhibits.
13 Riverside Walk Temple of Sinawava	1.5 hours 2.2 / 3.5	57 / 17	Minor drop-offs. Paved trail follows the Virgin River along the bottom of a narrow canyon. Trailside exhibits.
Moderate			
2 Watchman Trail Zion Canyon Visitor Center	2 hours 2.7 / 4.3	368 / 112	Minor drop-offs. Ends at viewpoint of the Towers of the Virgin, lower Zion Canyon, and Springdale.
5 Middle Emerald Pools Trail Zion Lodge	2 hours 2.0 / 3.2	150 / 46	Long drop-offs. An unpaved climb to the Middle Emerald Pools. Loose sand and rocks on stone are slippery.
6 Upper Emerald Pool Trail Zion Lodge	1 hour 1.0 / 1.6	200 / 61	Minor drop-offs. A sandy and rocky trail that climbs to the Upper Emerald Pool at the base of a cliff.
7 Kayenta Trail The Grotto	2 hours 2.0 / 3.2	150 / 46	Long drop-offs. An unpaved climb to the Emerald Pools. Connects The Grotto to the Emerald Pools Trails.
15 Canyon Overlook Trail Zion-Mt. Carmel Hwy	1 hour 1.0 / 1.6	163 / 50	Long drop-offs, mostly fenced. Rocky and uneven trail ends at viewpoint of Pine Creek Canyon and lower Zion Canyon.
16 Taylor Creek Trail Kolob Canyons Road	4 hours 5.0 / 8.0	450 / 137	Limited to 12 people per group. Follows the Middle Fork of Taylor Creek past two homestead cabins to Double Arch Alcove.
17 Timber Creek Overlook Trail Kolob Canyons Road	0.5 hour 1.0 / 1.6	100 / 30	Follows a ridge to a small peak with views of Timber Creek, Kolob Terrace, and Pine Valley Mountains.
Strenuous			
9 Angels Landing via West Rim Trail The Grotto	4 hours 5.4 / 8.7	1488 / 453	Long drop-offs. Not for anyone fearful of heights or young children. Last section is a route along a steep, narrow ridge to the summit.
11 Hidden Canyon Trail Weeping Rock	3 hours 2.4 / 3.9	850 / 259	Long drop-offs. Not for anyone fearful of heights. Follows along a cliff face to the mouth of a narrow canyon.
12 Observation Point via East Rim Trail Weeping Rock	5 hours 8.0 / 12.9	2148 / 655	Long drop-offs. Climbs through Echo Canyon to a viewpoint of Zion Canyon. Access to Cable Mountain, Deertrap, and East Mesa Trails.
14 The Narrows via Riverside Walk Temple of Sinawava	8 hours 9.4 / 15.1	334 / 102	Read page 5 and check conditions at the visitor center before attempting. High water levels can prevent access to The Narrows.
18 Kolob Arch via La Verkin Creek Trail Kolob Canyons Road	8 hours 14.0 / 22.5	699 / 213	Follows Timber and La Verkin Creeks. Connects to the trail to Kolob Arch, one of the world's largest freestanding arches.

Stay on established trails and watch your footing, especially at overlooks and near drop-offs. Always stay back from edges. Watch children closely. People uncertain about heights should stop if they become uncomfortable. Never throw or roll rocks; there may be hikers below.



# Ranger-led Programs

## Talks

All talks are on the patio of the Zion Human History Museum, except for Ranger’s Choice at the Zion Lodge. 20 to 30 minutes in length.

### ANIMAL ICONS

Discover the habits and adaptations of one of Zion’s most famous residents.

### DESERT STRUGGLES

Uncover the secrets of survival in the harsh desert environment.

### FOOTSTEPS IN TIME

Explore the history and culture of Utah’s native people.

### PIONEER GLIMPSES

Unravel the lifestyles and history of the early residents of Zion Canyon.

### RANGER’S CHOICE

Join a ranger and explore a topic of their choice on the Zion Lodge lawn.

### STORIES IN STONE

Unearth the past by exploring the fossil record left behind.

### WATER, ROCKS, AND TIME

Uncover the geologic story behind the striking scenery.

### WINDOWS INTO THE PAST

Discover past events or projects that shaped Zion National Park.

### ZION ZOOLOGY

Explore the natural history of some of Zion’s most interesting inhabitants.

## Walks

### DISCOVER KOLOB

2 hours, moderate 2-mile hike  
Uncover stories of history and nature as you take an intimate look at Taylor Canyon. Make free reservations no more than three days in advance at the Kolob Canyons Visitor Center or by calling 435 586-9548.

### EMERALD ESCAPE

2 hours, moderate 2-mile hike  
*Emerald Pools Trailhead*  
Experience the splendors found along an ever-changing trail.

### FACES AND PLACES IN TIME

1.5 hours, easy 1-mile walk  
*Zion Lodge Lawn*  
Immerse yourself in the rich history of Zion Canyon on a stunning trail along the Virgin River.

### HIKING THE KAYENTA

2 hours, moderate 1.5-mile hike  
*The Grotto Shuttle Stop*  
Hike amidst the spectacular scenery and discover Zion’s unique natural and cultural history.

### RIVERSIDE RAMBLE

1.75 hours, easy 2-mile walk  
*Temple of Sinawava Shuttle Stop*  
Discover the striking power and role of water in canyon country.

### ROCK AND STROLL

1.25 hours, easy 1-mile walk  
*Weeping Rock Shuttle Stop*  
Follow the Virgin River and unearth the geologic processes that sculpt the scenery.

### WALKING THE WATCHMAN

2.5 hours, moderate 2.5-mile hike  
*Visitor Center Shuttle Stop*  
Explore a diverse and beautiful landscape teeming with life.

### WHAT’S FLYIN’ IN ZION

2 hours, easy 1-mile bird walk  
Locate, identify, and discuss Zion’s winged wonders. Make free reservations, in person, no more than three days in advance at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center. Bring binoculars. Ask about accessibility options.

## Ride with a Ranger Shuttle Tours

Enjoy a unique 2-hour experience on a morning or evening ranger-led shuttle bus tour as you travel the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive. Several stops will provide an intimate look at Zion Canyon. Seating is limited—make free reservations, in person, up to one day in advance at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to departure.

## Evening Programs

*Watchman Campground Amphitheater and Zion Lodge Auditorium*  
Discover what makes Zion such a special place. 45-minute evening programs addressing a myriad of topics. Limited parking is available at Watchman Campground for non-campers. Please check bulletin boards at the visitor center, museum, and campgrounds for program topics.

## Drop-In Programs

Stop by anytime between the times listed. Stay for a minute or stay for an hour.

### CANVAS OF CLIFFS

*Big Bend Shuttle Stop*  
Search for peregrines, condors, climbers, and other life on the cliffs and discover the stories of the surrounding peaks. Weather permitting.

### RIVER RENDEZVOUS

*Temple of Sinawava Shuttle Stop*  
Immerse yourself in the grandeur of Zion and discover its unique diversity. The program site is located 300 yards up the Riverside Walk.

## Junior Ranger Program

Junior Ranger Handbooks are available for \$1 at the visitor center and bookstores. Children ages 6-12 can earn a badge by completing the handbook and reviewing their answers with a park ranger. If children complete the handbook and attend at least one ranger-led program, they will earn a badge or a patch. Children under 6 can earn a pin by completing the Lil’ Junior Ranger Activity Sheet available for free at the visitor centers and museum.



## Program Schedule

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**  
9:00 a.m. Faces and Places in Time  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
11:25 a.m. Zion Zoology  
2:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time  
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice  
6:00 p.m. Ride with a Ranger  
6:00 p.m. Rock and Stroll  
9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program  
9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
9:30 a.m. Riverside Ramble  
11:25 a.m. Windows into the Past  
2:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time  
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice  
5:30 p.m. Hiking the Kayenta  
6:00 p.m. Ride with a Ranger  
9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program  
9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**  
9:00 a.m. Walking the Watchman  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
10:30-noon River Rendezvous  
11:25 a.m. Water, Rocks, and Time  
2:25 p.m. Footsteps in Time  
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice  
5:30 p.m. Emerald Escape  
6:00 p.m. Ride with a Ranger  
9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program  
9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**  
9-10:30 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs  
9:00 a.m. Discover Kolob  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
9:00 a.m. Rock and Stroll  
10:30-noon River Rendezvous  
12:55 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time

2:25 p.m. Zion Zoology  
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice  
5:30 p.m. Riverside Ramble  
6:00 p.m. Ride with a Ranger  
9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program  
9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
10:30-noon River Rendezvous  
12:55 p.m. Stories in Stone  
2:25 p.m. Animal Icons  
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice  
5:30 p.m. Hiking the Kayenta  
6:00 p.m. Ride with a Ranger  
9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program  
9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**  
9-10:30 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
9:30 a.m. Riverside Ramble  
11:25 a.m. Zion Zoology  
2:25 p.m. Footsteps in Time  
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice  
5:30 p.m. Emerald Escape  
6:00 p.m. Ride with a Ranger  
9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program  
9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**  
9:00 a.m. Hiking the Kayenta  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
10:30-noon River Rendezvous  
11:25 a.m. Water, Rocks, and Time  
2:25 p.m. Windows into the Past  
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice  
5:30 p.m. Rock and Stroll  
6:00 p.m. Ride with a Ranger  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
9:30 a.m. Riverside Ramble  
11:25 a.m. Zion Zoology  
2:25 p.m. Pioneer Glimpses  
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice  
5:30 p.m. Faces and Places in Time  
6:00 p.m. Ride with a Ranger  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**  
9-10:30 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
9:00 a.m. Walking the Watchman  
11:25 a.m. Water, Rocks, and Time  
2:25 p.m. Animal Icons  
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice  
5:30 p.m. Hiking the Kayenta  
6:00 p.m. Ride with a Ranger  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**  
9:00 a.m. Rock and Stroll  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
10:30-noon River Rendezvous  
11:25 a.m. Stories in Stone  
2:25 p.m. Desert Struggles  
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice  
5:30 p.m. Emerald Escape  
6:00 p.m. Ride with a Ranger  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**  
9-10:30 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs  
9:00 a.m. Discover Kolob  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
9:30 a.m. Riverside Ramble  
12:55 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time

2:25 p.m. Pioneer Glimpses  
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice  
5:30 p.m. Rock and Stroll  
6:00 p.m. Ride with a Ranger  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
10:30-noon River Rendezvous  
12:55 p.m. Stories in Stone  
2:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time  
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice  
6:00 p.m. Ride with a Ranger  
5:00 p.m. Hiking the Kayenta  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**  
9:00 a.m. Emerald Escape  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
9:30-11 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs  
11:25 a.m. Water, Rocks, and Time  
2:25 p.m. Footsteps in Time  
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice  
5:00 p.m. Riverside Ramble  
6:00 p.m. Ride with a Ranger  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
9:00 a.m. Walking the Watchman  
10:30-noon River Rendezvous  
11:25 a.m. Zion Zoology  
2:25 p.m. Animal Icons  
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice  
5:00 p.m. Hiking the Kayenta  
6:00 p.m. Ride with a Ranger  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program



**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**  
8:30 a.m. What’s Flyin’ in Zion  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
11:25 a.m. Water, Rocks and Time  
2:25 p.m. Stories in Stone  
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice  
5:30 p.m. Rock and Stroll  
6:00 p.m. Ride with a Ranger  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
9:00 a.m. Walking the Watchman  
9:30-11 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs  
11:25 a.m. Windows into the Past  
2:25 p.m. Desert Struggles  
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice  
5:00 p.m. Faces and Places in Time  
6:00 p.m. Ride with a Ranger  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
9:00 a.m. Rock and Stroll  
10:30-noon River Rendezvous  
11:25 a.m. Water, Rocks, and Time  
2:25 p.m. Stories in Stone  
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice  
5:00 p.m. Hiking the Kayenta  
6:00 p.m. Ride with a Ranger  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**  
9:00 a.m. Discover Kolob  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
9:30 a.m. Riverside Ramble  
12:55 p.m. Zion Zoology  
2:25 p.m. Pioneer Glimpses  
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice  
5:00 p.m. Emerald Escape  
6:00 p.m. Ride with a Ranger  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
10:30-noon River Rendezvous  
12:55 p.m. Stories in Stone  
2:25 p.m. Animal Icons  
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice  
5:00 p.m. Hiking the Kayenta  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
9:30-11 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs  
9:30 a.m. Riverside Ramble  
11:25 a.m. Water, Rocks, and Time  
2:25 p.m. Footsteps in Time  
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice  
5:00 p.m. Emerald Escape  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**  
8:45 a.m. What’s Flyin’ in Zion  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
9:30 a.m. Rock and Stroll  
10:30-noon River Rendezvous  
11:25 a.m. Zion Zoology  
2:25 p.m. Windows into the Past  
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice  
5:00 p.m. Hiking the Kayenta  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
9:30 a.m. Faces and Places in Time  
11:25 a.m. Animal Icons  
2:25 p.m. Stories in Stone  
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice

5:00 p.m. Rock and Stroll  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
9:00 a.m. Walking the Watchman  
9:30-11 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs  
11:25 a.m. Water, Rocks, and Time  
2:25 p.m. Pioneer Glimpses  
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice  
5:00 p.m. Hiking the Kayenta  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
9:30 a.m. Rock and Stroll  
10:30-noon River Rendezvous  
11:25 a.m. Water, Rocks, and Time  
2:25 p.m. Desert Struggles  
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice  
5:00 p.m. Emerald Escape  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**  
9:00 a.m. Discover Kolob  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
11:25 a.m. Zion Zoology  
2:25 p.m. Pioneer Glimpses  
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice  
5:00 p.m. Riverside Ramble  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
10:30-noon River Rendezvous  
12:55 p.m. Stories in Stone  
2:25 p.m. Desert Struggles  
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice  
4:30 p.m. Hiking the Kayenta  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
9:00 a.m. Walking the Watchman  
9:30-11 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs  
11:25 a.m. Water, Rocks, and Time  
2:25 p.m. Footsteps in Time  
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice  
4:30 p.m. Emerald Escape  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**  
9:00 a.m. Hiking the Kayenta  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
10:30-noon River Rendezvous  
11:25 a.m. Zion Zoology  
2:25 p.m. Windows into the Past  
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice  
4:00 p.m. Riverside Ramble  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
9:00 a.m. What’s Flyin’ in Zion  
10:30-noon River Rendezvous  
11:25 a.m. Windows into the Past  
2:25 p.m. Stories in Stone  
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice  
4:30 p.m. Rock and Stroll  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
9:30-11 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs  
9:30 a.m. Riverside Ramble  
11:25 a.m. Water, Rocks, and Time  
2:25 p.m. Pioneer Glimpses  
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice

4:00 p.m. Hiking the Kayenta  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1**  
9:00 a.m. Walking the Watchman  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
10:30-noon River Rendezvous  
11:25 a.m. Water, Rocks, and Time  
2:25 p.m. Desert Struggles  
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice  
4:00 p.m. Emerald Escape  
8:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2**  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
10-11:30 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs  
11:25 a.m. Water, Rocks, and Time  
2:25 p.m. Zion Zoology  
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice  
4:30 p.m. Rock and Stroll  
8:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3**  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
10:30-noon River Rendezvous  
12:55 p.m. Stories in Stone  
2:25 p.m. Footsteps in Time  
4:30 p.m. Hiking the Kayenta  
8:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 4**  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
9:30 a.m. Riverside Ramble  
10-11:30 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs  
11:25 a.m. Water, Rocks, and Time  
2:25 p.m. Animal Icons  
4:00 p.m. Emerald Escape  
8:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5**  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
9:00 a.m. Walking the Watchman  
10:30-noon River Rendezvous  
11:25 a.m. Zion Zoology  
2:25 p.m. Windows into the Past  
4:00 p.m. Faces and Places in Time  
8:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6**  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
9:00 a.m. What’s Flyin’ in Zion  
10:00 a.m. Riverside Ramble  
11:25 a.m. Stories in Stone  
2:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time  
4:00 p.m. Rock and Stroll  
8:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7**  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
9:00 a.m. Walking the Watchman  
10-11:30 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs  
11:25 a.m. Pioneer Glimpses  
2:25 p.m. Water, Rocks and Time  
4:00 p.m. Hiking the Kayenta  
8:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8**  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
10:00 a.m. Riverside Ramble  
11:25 a.m. Water, Rocks, and Time  
2:25 p.m. Desert Struggles  
4:00 p.m. Emerald Escape  
8:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9**  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
10-11:30 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs



10:30-noon River Rendezvous  
11:25 a.m. Zion Zoology  
2:25 p.m. Pioneer Glimpses  
4:00 p.m. Rock and Stroll  
8:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10**  
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger  
10:30-noon River Rendezvous  
12:55 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time  
2:25 p.m. Animal Icons  
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice  
4:00 p.m. Hiking the Kayenta  
8:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 11**  
9:30 a.m. Walking the Watchman  
10-11:30 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs  
11:25 a.m. Zion Zoology  
2:25 p.m. Stories in Stone  
4:00 p.m. Emerald Escape  
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12**  
10:30-noon River Rendezvous  
11:25 a.m. Zion Zoology  
2:25 p.m. Pioneer Glimpses  
4:00 p.m. Hiking the Kayenta

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13**  
9:00 a.m. What’s Flyin’ in Zion  
11:25 a.m. Water, Rocks, and Time  
2:25 p.m. Stories in Stone  
4:00 p.m. Walking the Watchman

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14**  
10:00 a.m. Riverside Ramble  
10:30-noon Canvas of Cliffs  
11:25 a.m. Zion Zoology  
2:25 p.m. Pioneer Glimpses  
8:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15**  
9:30 a.m. Rock and Stroll  
11:25 a.m. Desert Struggles  
2:25 p.m. Zion Zoology  
8:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16**  
9:30 a.m. Faces and Places in Time  
10-11:30 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs  
2:55 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time  
8:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17**  
10:30-noon River Rendezvous  
11:25 a.m. Stories in Stone  
2:55 p.m. Footsteps in Time  
4:00 p.m. Emerald Escape

For information on additional ranger-led programs after October 17, please check the bulletin boards at the visitor centers.



# Weather



In fall, the heat of the summer gives way to cooler temperatures and drier weather, making it an ideal time to visit Zion National Park.

Along the Virgin River, cottonwoods turn golden yellow and bigtooth maples add splashes of scarlet to the canyons and trails. Favorable conditions prevail for hiking and canyoneering, but be sure to check the weather forecast, flash flood potential ratings, and the temperature of the river before exploring the park. Day and night temperatures can differ by over 30°F/17°C. Consider dressing in layers to prepare for changes in temperature.

Month	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Temperature (°F)												
normal daily max	52	57	63	73	83	93	100	97	91	78	63	53
normal daily min	29	31	36	43	52	60	68	66	60	49	37	30
extreme high	71	78	86	94	102	114	115	111	110	97	83	71
extreme low	-2	4	12	23	22	40	51	50	33	23	13	6
days above 90°F	0	0	0	1	8	21	30	28	18	3	0	0
days below 32°F	19	14	10	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	18
Precipitation (inches)												
normal	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.3	0.7	0.6	0.8	1.6	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.5
maximum	7.5	6.7	7.1	4.4	3.0	4.0	3.6	4.8	6.7	3.3	3.2	4.3
max 24 hour	1.6	1.3	0.9	1.2	1.8	2.2	1.1	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.3	2.0
maximum snowfall	26	18	14	3	T	0	0	0	T	1	5	21
days w/ precipitation	7	7	8	6	5	3	5	6	4	4	5	6
no. thunderstorms	0	0	0	1	4	5	14	15	5	2	0	0

Temperatures in the Kolob Canyons area may be five to ten degrees cooler than Zion Canyon.

### Sun and Moon

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
September 1	7:03 a.m.	8:01 p.m.
September 15	7:14 a.m.	7:40 p.m.
October 1	7:27 a.m.	7:15 p.m.
October 15	7:40 a.m.	6:55 p.m.
November 1	7:56 a.m.	6:34 p.m.
November 15	7:11 a.m.	5:22 p.m.
December 1	7:27 a.m.	5:15 p.m.

#### Full Moon

September 23  
October 22  
November 11



# Leave No Trace



Zion National Park is much more than just a recreational destination. It is a sanctuary of natural and cultural resources.

Conserving this heritage is a task that the National Park Service cannot accomplish alone. All of us serve a critical role in maintaining Zion’s sanctuary for the future. Please show respect for your national park.

Carry all of your trash out of the park, including toilet paper.

Please stay on marked trails. Hiking off trails can lead to loss of vegetation, soil compaction, erosion, and unsightly scars on the landscape.

Please park in designated spaces only. Fines can be as high as \$250.

It is illegal to remove anything from Zion National Park. Leave the flowers, rocks, and anything else that you might find for others to enjoy.

Feeding, harming, or capturing wild animals is illegal and can cause injury or death to the animal. Animals can become aggressive beggars when fed.

Soundscapes are an important natural feature of the park. Please be aware of the noise that you make around wildlife and allow others to enjoy the peace and solitude of the park. Please travel quietly and limit the size of your group.

year, saving the park \$14,000 and preventing the release of 181 tons of CO<sup>2</sup> into the atmosphere.

**ZION LODGE**  
The Zion Lodge goes to great lengths to reduce energy consumption. Their efforts save 24,000 gallons of fuel, 1.7 million pounds of gas emissions, and 2.5 million gallons of water annually. They also recycle grease for use in their vehicles.

**SOLAR POWER**  
Solar power provides clean energy. Two remote ranger cabins run completely on solar power and three park entrance stations are partially solar powered. Additional solar projects are underway at the Kolob Canyons Visitor Center, Zion Emergency Operations Center, and Zion Headquarters.

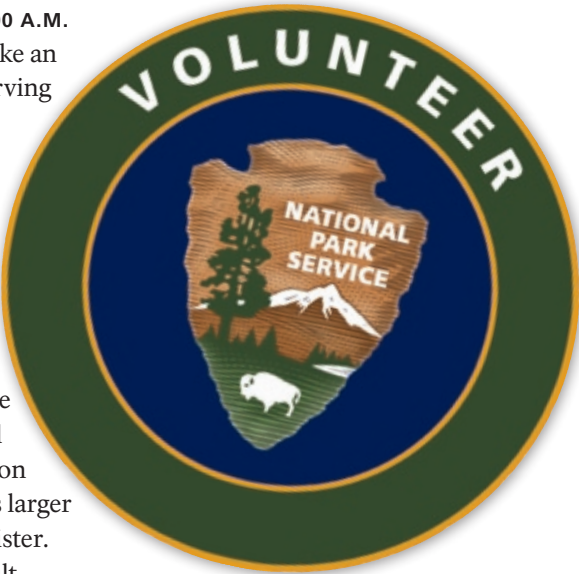
**RECYCLING AND TRASH**  
Zion’s recycling program recycles the park’s glass, plastic, aluminum, paper, and most other excess material. In 2008, Zion diverted 162,470 pounds of waste away from landfills. Participate in local recycling efforts by using the bins inside the park and in the local community.

**WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS**  
Help us reduce waste by bringing a reusable water bottle with you. Water Bottle Filling Stations are located at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center, Zion Human History Museum, Zion Lodge and Temple of Sinawava.

# Volunteer



**WEDNESDAYS AT 9:00 A.M.**  
Lend a hand and take an active role in preserving your national park. Visitors interested in volunteering can gather every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. at the Visitor Center Shuttle Stop to assist with much needed tasks that keep the park clean and beautiful. Activities include litter removal, trail maintenance, and the management of invasive plants. All visitors are welcome. No registration is required for individuals. Groups larger than 10 people are required to register. Children must be joined by an adult. Please call 435 772-0184 for information.



**ZION CANYON SHUTTLE SYSTEM**  
The shuttle system was created to reduce traffic congestion, parking conflicts, pollution, noise, and resource damage. Each full shuttle replaces 28 cars. In 2008, the shuttles reduced the number of visitor vehicle miles traveled per day by 50,385 and reduced CO<sup>2</sup> emissions by 24,201 pounds, over 12 tons, per day.

**ZION CANYON VISITOR CENTER**  
The Zion Canyon Visitor Center is an excellent example of sustainable design. Daylighting, natural ventilation cooling, downdraft cool towers, Trombe wall heating, and roof-mounted photovoltaic system reduce energy use by more than 70 percent. The sustainability measures in this building save 148,830 kWh each



# Zion Natural History Association



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The Zion Natural History Association is a non-profit organization that began in 1929 to support education, research, publications, and other programs for the benefit of Zion National Park, Cedar Breaks National Monument, and Pipe Spring National Monument. Financial support by ZNHA members, combined with sales from our bookstores, provides parks with approximately \$600,000 in annual aid.

Sept 4	Zion Narrows Service Project
Sept 16	Thursday Trek
Sept 18	Zion Narrows Service Project
Sept 18	Pine Valley Area Geology
Sept 22	Wednesday Naturalist Walk
Oct 8	Rim to Floor
Oct 9	The Illustrated Journal
Oct 14	Thursday Trek
Oct 18-19	Archaeology Service Project
Oct 20	Wednesday Naturalist Walk
Oct 23-24	Fall Foliage Photography
Oct 30-31	Grand Staircase Geology
Nov 3	Wednesday Naturalist Walk
Nov 4	Thursday Trek
Nov 6	Virgin River Wilderness and Beaver Dam Mountains: A Geologic Journey
Nov 8	Plein Air Painting
Nov 12	Zion Geology
All classes include moderate to strenuous hiking. Most classes include an indoor component such as a lecture, slide presentation, demonstration, or time to examine animal or plant specimens.	

**ZION CANYON FIELD INSTITUTE**  
The Zion Canyon Field Institute educates and inspires visitors about the greater Zion National Park ecosystem and environment. ZCFI is the educational division of the non-profit cooperating association Zion Natural History Association. These workshops take place in and around Zion National Park, Cedar Breaks National Monument, and Pipe Spring National Monument.

**OUTDOOR LEARNING ADVENTURES**  
Imagine hiking with a wildlife biologist to watch bighorn sheep, capturing the photograph of a lifetime when a rainbow appears behind the West Temple, finding the tracks of ringtails in the sands of a dry wash, or discovering and mapping an unrecorded archaeological site. These are the types of experiences that Zion Canyon Field Institute participants enjoy during our workshops.

**SERVICE PROJECTS**  
Participants have the opportunity to get a backstage view of Zion, learn intensively about a single subject, and contribute to a project that benefits the park.

**PRIVATE WORKSHOPS**  
Our custom Explore Zion program provides private workshops for your small group, scheduled at your convenience.

**REGISTRATION**  
Pick up the course catalog at any of the park's bookstores. To register for a

course, please visit [www.zionpark.org](http://www.zionpark.org), call 435 772-3264 or 800 635-3959, or stop by the Zion Canyon Visitor Center Bookstore. Fees for one-day workshops are \$25 to \$60 per day.

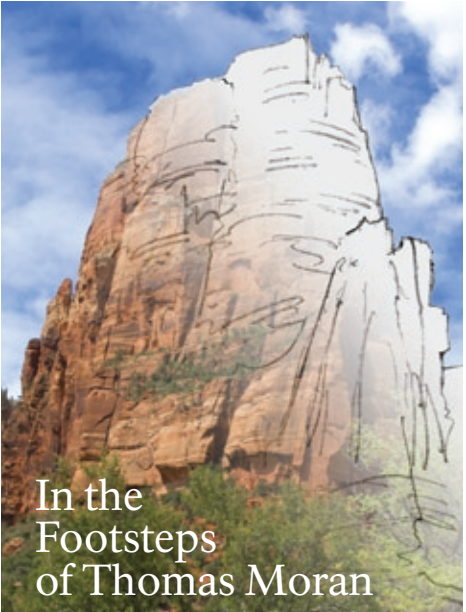
**MEMBERSHIP**  
Become a member of ZNHA and enjoy benefits for yourself today, while you help Zion tomorrow. ZNHA supports the educational outreach and the Junior Ranger program, publishes books on Zion, contributes to park interpretive programs, and provides free visitor information about the park.

Join us as a member and receive a 20-percent discount on all purchases at ZNHA bookstores and ZCFI workshops. Members also receive discounts at participating associations, our quarterly newsletter, and special premiums. Most importantly, your membership helps ensure future educational and research activities in Zion National Park.

**MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS**

• Individual	\$45
• Family	\$60
• Contributor	\$100
• Advocate	\$250
• Lifetime	\$500

To find out more about the programs and publications available through the Zion Natural History Association, visit [www.zionpark.org](http://www.zionpark.org) or call 800 635-3959.



## In the Footsteps of Thomas Moran

*Plein Air Artist Invitational at Zion National Park*

**October 13 to November 29**  
Participating artists exhibition at the Zion Human History Museum

**November 1 to November 4**  
Watch artists paint from Thomas Moran's 1873 sketchbook locations

**November 5**  
Quick Draw Auction and Invitational Celebration

**November 6 to November 7**  
Public Wet Paint Sale at the Zion Nature Center

Event proceeds will benefit the Zion National Park Foundation, the Zion Human History Museum, and support art education in Zion National Park. For information, call 800.635.3959 or visit [www.zionpark.org/ArtInvitational2010](http://www.zionpark.org/ArtInvitational2010).



# Transportation

Shuttle Schedule			
	Spring 4/01 to 5/22	Summer 5/23 to 9/11	Fall 9/12 to 10/31
Zion Canyon Shuttle			
<b>Express Bus</b> from Zion Canyon Visitor Center	6:45 a.m.	5:45 a.m.	6:45 a.m.
<b>First Bus</b> from Zion Canyon Visitor Center	7:00 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	7:00 a.m.
<b>Last Bus to Springdale Shuttle</b> from Temple of Sinawava from Zion Lodge	9:14 p.m. 9:30 p.m.	10:14 p.m. 10:30 p.m.	9:14 p.m. 9:30 p.m.
<b>Last Bus</b> from Zion Canyon Visitor Center from Temple of Sinawava	9:30 p.m. 10:00 p.m.	10:30 p.m. 11:00 p.m.	9:30 p.m. 10:00 p.m.
Springdale Shuttle			
<b>Express Bus</b> from Majestic View Lodge <i>All stops except Zion Canyon Theatre</i>	6:35 a.m.	5:35 a.m.	6:35 a.m.
<b>First Bus</b> from Majestic View Lodge from Zion Canyon Theatre	7:00 a.m. 7:15 a.m.	6:45 a.m. 7:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m. 7:15 a.m.
<b>Last Bus to Zion Canyon Shuttle</b> from Majestic View Lodge	9:00 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	9:00 p.m.
<b>Last Bus</b> from Zion Canyon Theatre from Majestic View Lodge	10:00 p.m. 10:15 p.m.	11:00 p.m. 11:15 p.m.	10:00 p.m. 10:15 p.m.
The average wait for a shuttle bus is fifteen minutes or less. The wait is usually shorter during peak hours. The summer shuttles run at thirty-minute intervals from 9:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. In November, an optional Zion Canyon Shuttle will operate each Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with expanded service during Thanksgiving weekend.			

## Large Vehicles



The Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel connects Zion Canyon to the east side of the park. It was built in the 1920s when large vehicles were much less common. Vehicles sized 11'4" in height or 7'10" in width, or larger, are required to have an escort, or traffic control, through the Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel. Because of the tunnel dimensions, large vehicles cannot travel in one lane through the tunnel. Nearly all RVs, buses, trailers, fifth-wheels, dual-wheel trucks, campers, and boats require an escort.



**TUNNEL ESCORTS**  
Visitors requiring an escort must pay a \$15 fee per vehicle in addition to the entrance fee. Pay this fee at the park entrance station before driving to the tunnel. The fee is good for two trips through the tunnel for the same vehicle during a seven-day period.

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**ZION CANYON SHUTTLE**  
The Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is accessible by shuttle bus only from April 1 to October 31.

The buses are accessible and also have room for backpacks, climbing gear, two bicycles, and other equipment. Buses run throughout the day. The shuttles are free and you may get on and off as often as you like. Pets are not allowed.

### SPRINGDALE SHUTTLE

In coordination with the Zion Canyon Shuttle, the Springdale Shuttle will pick up and drop off passengers in the town of Springdale and across the Virgin River from the pedestrian entrance to the park and the Zion Canyon Visitor Center.



**PARKING**  
All parking areas in the park are usually full from 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

To avoid delays at the vehicle entrance gate and searching for a parking space, park in Springdale and ride the free shuttle to the park pedestrian entrance. Shuttles pick up and drop off at nine shuttle stops in town. If you are staying overnight in Springdale, leave your vehicle and take the shuttle. In addition, groups of one or two people can save on their entrance fee at the pedestrian entrance. One person gets in at the individual rate of \$12 or two for \$24. A group or family of three or more

will not be charged more than the \$25 per vehicle fee.

Improper parking is not safe, can damage park resources, and is discourteous to other visitors. Please park in designated parking places. Parking regulations will be strictly enforced with citations based on violations of signed no parking areas, traffic obstruction, and damage to resources or government property. Park responsibly and avoid a ticket.



**AUTOMOBILES**  
Travel in Zion Canyon from April 1 to October 31 is by shuttle bus only. Only the Zion Canyon

Scenic Drive is closed to private vehicles. The Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway through the park is open to private vehicles. However, road construction closures and delays are expected. Use an alternate route to avoid the construction.



**PRIVATE TAXIS**  
You may choose to start your hiking trip in a different location than your destination. Private shuttle and taxi services are available.



**OTHER VEHICLES**  
Other vehicles such as ATVs and OHVs are not permitted in Zion National Park.



If your vehicle is 11'4" (3.4 meters) tall or taller or 7'10" (2.4 meters) wide or wider, including mirrors, awnings, and jacks, you will need a tunnel escort.

